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File Number: 20190178

Dear Requester:

This letter is intended to acknowledge the receipt of your recent Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received by the United States Secret Service (Secret Service) on November 19, 2018, for information pertaining to files mentioning the dark net markets Hansa, which operated at the web address [hansann7wim5ier2.onion](http://hansann7wim5ier2.onion) between 2014-03-09 and 2014-03-20 and Hansa which which operated at the web address [hansamkt2rr6nfg3.onion](http://hansamkt2rr6nfg3.onion).

Please be advised, provisions of the Act allow us to recover part of the cost of complying with your request. We shall charge you for the records in accordance with Interim FOIA regulations as they apply to "media" requesters. The first 100 pages of duplication are free of charge. As a "media" requester, you will be charged .10 cents a page for the duplication of each additional page.

Furthermore, the submission of your request is considered a firm commitment, by you, to pay all applicable duplication and search time costs charged, under 6 C.F.R., Chapter I, Part 5 § 5.11, up to \$25.00. A search for files responsive to your request is being conducted. The appropriate components of the Secret Service are being queried for responsive documents. If any responsive records are located, they will be reviewed for a disclosure determination. You will be contacted before any additional fees are accrued.

Due to the increasing number of FOIA requests received by this office, we may encounter some delay in processing your request. Per Section 5.5(a) of the FOIA regulations, 6 C.F.R, Part 5, the Secret Service processes FOIA requests according to their order of receipt.

Your request has been assigned FOIA File No. 20190178. We solicit your cooperation and assure you that the search will be conducted as expeditiously as possible.

To check the status of your FOIA request, please contact this office at (202) 406-6370. Please use the file number indicated above in all future correspondence with this office.

Thank you,

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